



NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

*Celebrating
100 Years*



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'TIS THE SEASON FOR
MORE COMFORT
MORE JOY
MORE LIGHTS



HAPPY HOLIDAYS





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LL COOL J, *Host*

Holiday Music

“The President’s Own”
U.S. Marine Band

Greetings

Charles F. Sams III, *Director*
National Park Service

Will Shafroth, *President and CEO*
National Park Foundation

The Honorable Deb Haaland
Secretary of the Interior

Lighting of the
National Christmas Tree
and Christmas Message

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
and Dr. Jill Biden

Guest Performers (*in alphabetical order*)

Yolanda Adams

Andy Grammer

Ariana DeBose

Joss Stone

Gloria Estefan and Family

Shania Twain

**WELCOME TO
PRESIDENT’S PARK!**

**THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
AND THE NATIONAL PARK
FOUNDATION ARE EXCITED
TO HAVE YOU JOIN US
TONIGHT IN PRESIDENT’S
PARK, A NATIONAL PARK
THAT SHARES BOTH THE
STORY OF THE WHITE HOUSE
AND THE HISTORY OF
THE UNITED STATES.**

**AS YOU ENJOY TONIGHT’S
FESTIVITIES, REMEMBER
YOUR NATIONAL PARKS ARE
WONDERFUL PLACES
TO VISIT WITH YOUR
FAMILY DURING THE
HOLIDAY SEASON.**

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TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS



LL COOL J

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, two-time GRAMMY® Award-winning Hip-Hop icon, Kennedy Center Honoree, recording artist, actor, author, NAACP Image Award winner, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and founder and CEO of Rock The Bells, LL COOL J has created one of the most multifaceted careers and brands in entertainment and continues to display his wide range of talents with every project. Three decades after he first burst onto the scene, LL COOL J continues his vibrant, trailblazing career.



YOLANDA ADAMS

Yolanda Adams triumphantly carries the torch for contemporary gospel and inspirational music. With 13 releases, Yolanda has earned a multitude of accolades including four Grammy Awards. Not only is Yolanda a phenomenal vocalist, she is also an author, designer, record company executive, actor, and mother. She has shocked many, playing the role of Denita Jordan in “Kingdom Business” on BET.



ARIANA DEBOSE

Ariana DeBose is an award-winning actress known for her varying roles both onstage and in film and television. DeBose is best known for her groundbreaking performance in Steven Spielberg’s 2021 reimagining of “West Side Story,” for which she received an Academy Award, in addition to BAFTA, Critics Choice, and SAG Awards for her star turning role as Anita. Variety called her “a radiant force of nature.” In winning her Oscar, she became the first openly queer Afro Latina to win an Academy Award.

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GLORIA ESTEFAN AND FAMILY

International superstar Gloria Estefan is a GRAMMY® award-winning singer, actress, songwriter, author of two New York Times best-selling children's books, philanthropist, and humanitarian. She is considered the most successful Latin crossover artist in music history, per Billboard Magazine. Tonight, she is joined by her daughter Emily, a GRAMMY®-nominated musician and EM-MY®-nominated co-host of the Facebook Watch show "Red Table Talk: The Estefans," and 10-year-old grandson Sasha Estefan-Coppola.



ANDY GRAMMER

Multi-platinum artist Andy Grammer continues to energize, empower, and bring together audiences around the world with his uplifting and honest pop anthems. His observations and affirmations pick people back up when they need it, affirm their potential, and encourage them to keep going. This year Grammer was even named the #1 "Happy" Streaming artist globally. His catalog includes the quadruple-platinum single "Honey, I'm Good," and platinum singles "Keep Your Head Up," "Fine By Me," and "Don't Give Up On Me."



JOSS STONE

Joss Stone is a five-time GRAMMY®-nominated artist who has sold 15 million records worldwide, and landed four of her eight albums in the Billboard Top 10. She is considered one of the best-selling soul artists of the 2000s, and one of the best-selling British artists of her time. She is Christmas obsessed, and still marvels over the pageantry of her family's festive holiday rituals. Lovingly befitting, Joss's first-ever Christmas album is named after her dad's seasonal salutation, "Merry Christmas, Love."





SHANIA TWAIN

Global superstar, celebrated songwriter and style icon Shania Twain is a five-time GRAMMY® winner and one of music and fashion’s most renowned trailblazers. With five albums released and more than 100 million albums sold worldwide, Twain remains the top-selling female country pop artist of all time. Her hits include “Any Man of Mine,” “That Don’t Impress Me Much,” “You’re Still the One” and “Man! I Feel Like A Woman!” She will appear as Mrs. Potts in “Beauty and the Beast: A 30th Celebration” on December 15 on ABC.



“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN” U.S. MARINE BAND

“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band’s mission is to perform for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Founded in 1798 by an Act of Congress signed by President John Adams, the Marine Band is America’s oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Over its nearly 225-year history, “The President’s Own” has witnessed and performed for many important moments in the life of our nation, including the first lighting of the National Christmas Tree.

PRE-SHOW ENTERTAINMENT

Annie Yu, WUSA9 and Chester Lampkin, WUSA9, *Co-hosts*
National Park Service Ranger Kelli Jones
Mt. Calvary Catholic Church Choir, Forestville, Md.

Additional Performances:

Clear Harmonies Carolers, Silver Spring, Md.
Culpeper Co. H.S. Acapella Choirs, Culpeper, Va.
Full Measure A Cappella, Philadelphia, Pa.

Paul Belanger / Magical Toy Soldier, Orlando, Fla.
Voices in Praise, Dunkirk, Md.
Washington Commanders Brass Quintet, Landover, Md.
Washington Mennonite Chorus, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE SHINES BRIGHT AT 100

For 60 years, the GE Lighting business has been proud to design and provide lighting for the National Christmas Tree – for the first 57 years as part of General Electric, and the past three years as part of Savant Systems, Inc. Now known as GE Lighting, a Savant company, the business is again honored to partner with the National Park Foundation to help this year's tree shine bright.

This year's design, created specifically for the 100th lighting of the National Christmas Tree, includes strings of white lights along with strands of gold string lights, white sparkling twinkle spheres and white Bethlehem stars interspersed throughout. For daytime interest, the tree is accented with gold holographic diamond shapes for daytime glitter. Historical star tree toppers coupled with star ornaments from tree designs of years past embellish the base of the tree. A simple, yet elegant star topper finishes off the design.

Using the latest in LED holiday lighting products, this is the 14th consecutive year that GE LED lights, many of them ENERGY STAR® certified, have been used to light the National Christmas Tree. These lights use nearly 80% less energy and are a lighter weight option, helping to conserve energy and preserve the living tree.

The National Christmas Tree site is free to visit and will be open to the public Dec. 2, 2022, through Jan. 1, 2023. Hours are 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lights on the National Christmas Tree and the 58 smaller trees that surround the tree turn on around sunset each evening.

THIS YEAR'S DESIGN, CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE 100TH LIGHTING OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE, INCLUDES STRINGS OF WHITE LIGHTS ALONG WITH STRANDS OF GOLD STRING LIGHTS, WHITE SPARKLING TWINKLE SPHERES AND WHITE BETHLEHEM STARS INTERSPERSED THROUGHOUT.

GE Lighting
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Learn more about the history of this American tradition and see lighting designs from past years at thenationaltree.org.

★ THE NATIONAL TREE: AN AMERICAN TRADITION



1923

Accompanied by the Marine Band, President Calvin Coolidge lights the very first National Christmas Tree, a 38-foot-tall Balsam fir from his home state of Vermont, on the Ellipse on Christmas Eve



1934

Two Fraser firs were planted on the east and west sides of the Andrew Jackson statue in Lafayette Park, in hopes they would be used as the National Christmas Tree in alternate years.



1941

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill (right) joined President Franklin Roosevelt for the lighting ceremony in 1941, just days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the beginning of World War II.



1954

Organizers introduced a three-week Christmas "Pageant of Peace," and "Pathway of Peace," lined by smaller decorated trees representing each of the states, territories, and District of Columbia.

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1963

The lighting ceremony was postponed while the nation mourned the death of President Kennedy. GE designed the lighting and decorations for the National Christmas Tree for the first time.



1983

The Washington Monument and a brilliant sunset frame the National Christmas Tree. During the holiday season, the National Christmas Tree is a popular subject for photographers.



2008

For the second time, LED lighting is incorporated into the decorations of the National Christmas Tree. This year, the majority of the display uses LEDs and is nearly 50 percent more energy efficient.



2015

Helping to kick off the National Park Service Centennial in 2016, the decorations celebrate the occasion with sparkling gold ribbon and silvery white stars and lights.

Learn more about the history of the National Christmas Tree at thenationaltree.org.

STATE AND TERRITORY ORNAMENTS

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AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
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EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
SCHOOLS, HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR
TIME AND TALENTS TO DESIGN
AND CREATE ORNAMENTS
REPRESENTING THEIR
HOME STATE OR TERRITORY.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR
STROLL THROUGH OUR
GREAT AND DIVERSE
COUNTRY, REFLECTED IN
THE ARRAY OF DESIGNS
PRESENTED HERE IN THE
AMERICA CELEBRATES DISPLAY.

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Iowa

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Maine

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Massachusetts

Falmouth Academy

Michigan

Hanover-Horton Elementary School

Minnesota

Clover Ridge Elementary School

Mississippi

Madison Middle School

Missouri

Sullivan High School

Montana

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Bennington South Middle School

Nevada

Garside Junior High School

New Hampshire

Arts Academy of New Hampshire

New Jersey

Leeds Avenue Elementary School

New Mexico

Bernalillo Elementary School

New York

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North Carolina

Greene Central High School

North Dakota

Valley City Jr./Sr. High School

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Pre-Show Entertainment: Elizabeth Yoder, Producer, and Rosemary Lopez Campbell, Coordinator
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The National Christmas Tree Lighting is a production of White Rose Way Entertainment.



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